

## SWANN ANSWERS CHARGES TO-DAY

Reply to City Club Will Be Filed with Whitman

## ASKS GOVERNOR FOR AN INTERVIEW

Has Reserved Space on Train and Will Make Trip to Albany

District Attorney Swann will file with Governor Whitman to-day his answer to the charges brought against him by the City Club and ex-Judge James A. Delehanty. The documents probably will reach Albany late in the day. In a typewritten statement, issued last night, Mr. Swann says he "will be ready to appear before the Governor on Friday, or on any other day that he indicates."

The District Attorney is anxious to appear in person before the Governor to hand to him original documents on which he bases his contention that the indictments against labor union officials which he is charged with having fraudulently attempted to have dismissed, were based on framed-up evidence. These documents include the minutes of the grand jury, it is said. Only copies of these were attached to his answer. In the belief that the Governor will consent to see him, the District Attorney has made reservations on the Empire State Express, which leaves for Albany to-morrow at 8:30 a. m. It was learned that friends of Mr. Swann had requested the Governor to grant him an informal audience. Such a meeting would have nothing whatever to do with the hearing of the charges, which will be continued upon Governor Whitman's decision after reading Mr. Swann's reply.

It was reported last night that the grand jury would act to-day on the charges brought by Mr. Swann against his former aide, Lucian S. Breckinridge. It is believed that this action may form an important part of the District Attorney's answer to the City Club charge that by making attacks on Breckinridge in the newspaper he has coerced the principal witness to the charges against him.

In substance, Mr. Swann will assure Governor Whitman that the indictments against the labor union officials were recommended for dismissal by him. He will also point out that none knows better than Governor Whitman himself that it is physically impossible to investigate every witness where indictments are to be dismissed.

Regarding the charge that he coerced Breckinridge, it is apparent that Mr. Swann has relied on the grand jury for proof of his contention that his accusations were justified. He charges that Breckinridge accepted \$100 from the Division Street Garment Manufacturers' Association for "protection."

## MAYOR MITCHELL ACCUSED OF VIOLATING 1913 PLEDGE

William Bullock Says He Discriminated Against Dr. Max Schlapp

William Bullock, director of the Bureau of City Inquiry, an organization opposed to the present city administration, issued a statement last night in which he charged that the three physicians recently appointed to examine mental defects from the Children's Courts were given preference over Dr. Max C. Schlapp, who stood first in the civil service list for the position.

Bullock declared that the appointments were made in violation of Mayor Mitchell's written pledge, made October 23, 1913, to appoint candidates in the order of their standing on civil service lists.

The statement declares that Dr. Schlapp was "overlooked" because he incurred the displeasure of Mayor Mitchell and John A. Kingsbury, Commissioner of Public Charities, three years ago when the first attempt was made to remove Mrs. Mary C. Dunphy as superintendent of the Children's Hospital and School on Randall's Island. Dr. Schlapp praised her administration as efficient.

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## HE'S 81 AND DOESN'T LOOK IT. ASSERTS BRIDE-TO-BE OF 47

R. S. Whitman, Manufacturer, Gets License to Wed Mrs. E. R. Stephens

Rodney S. Whitman, manufacturer, bank director and Y. M. C. A. president, of Little Falls, N. Y., who is eighty-one years old, and Mrs. Elizabeth R. Stephens, forty-seven, will be married to-day in Grace Church. They obtained a marriage license in the Municipal Building yesterday.

Later the bride-to-be, sitting in her room at the Hotel Seville, wished that she had gone almost anywhere else, for in the Municipal Building reporters heard about it. Her friends, who do not know Mr. Whitman, will think, she said, she is marrying a man who looks his age.

"He doesn't," she declared. "He is active, strong and wide awake mentally. He goes to business every day."

"And I want it distinctly understood that Elizabeth Stephens is not marrying Rodney Whitman because she needs money. I've travelled a good deal since Mr. Stephens died, twelve years ago, and I'm well enough off to go on doing so. We have known each other about a year. We have known each other three times that long, and have many mutual friends. Six months ago we decided we were in love."

"You see, it has been a very simple romance, and it will be a quiet wedding. Our families are in favor of it, and those friends who have not been told will all get announcements."

Mr. Whitman has been an informal adviser of the Governor since he was elected. He has been a member of the State Bar, and he asked me if I was going to remind him of that all the time. Since then I've said nothing."

## WOMAN HELD UP IN ST. PATRICK'S

Footpads Lurk Inside the Doorway of Cathedral—Taken After Chase

Katherine McGrath, of 1144 Lawrence Avenue, The Bronx, recently undertook to do the Stations of the Cross in St. Patrick's Cathedral, although it meant giving up the greater part of her noon hour for thirty days. As she entered the vestibule of the Cathedral yesterday two youths who had been standing at the door followed her.

Pausing for a moment at the holy water font, Miss McGrath turned to the door leading to the south aisle of the edifice.

Suddenly a grimy hand was clapped across her eyes and a muscular force arm contracted, drawing her back. At the same instant a muf and pocketbook were snatched from her grasp.

The two youths who had followed her into the vestibule were dashing out of the Cathedral. No one else was in sight. Miss McGrath gave chase, screaming as she ran.

One of the pair ran into the arms of Patrolman Herbeck, of the East Fifty-first Street police station. The other, closely pursued by a small boy who echoed Miss McGrath's shrieks, turned into Fifty-fifth Street and was captured at Madison Avenue by Patrolman Horner. Miss McGrath identified them.

Herbeck's prisoner was Edward Malbertson, eighteen years old, who recently was found at 3 o'clock in the morning in the apartment of Dr. Edward Albright at 297 West Seventy-ninth Street and turned over to the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He escaped from that institution. The other said that he was Charles S. Ward, of San Francisco. Ward was charged with seizing Miss McGrath, and Malbertson with stealing her muf and purse, which contained \$1.44.

Both waived examination and were held in \$2,500 bail for trial.

## FIRE RECORD

A. M. 12:45—125 Lexington st., Louis Michaels, building. Cause: Gas. Loss: \$1,000. 1:15—33 Great Jones st., unknown; none. 1:30—100 West 114th st., unknown; none. 2:30—Front of 508 Broadway, unknown; none. 3:00—257 to 263 Fourth av., unknown; none. 10:00—607 Morris Park av., Plaza Shirt Co., slight. 11:00—100 West 114th st., unknown; none. 11:30—33 and 35 West 61st st., Mrs. Knevel; none.

P. M. 1:40—202 West 44th st., J. Stark; slight. 2:30—244 to 246 W. 114th st., George Stager; trifling. 3:30—344 to 346 W. 114th st., K. Knevel; trifling. 4:00—347 Madison st., Bernard Davidson; trifling.

## BUSINESS TROUBLES

Backruptcy Petitions

REINHOLD, GEORGE & REINHOLD, 100 Broadway, manufacturers of coats and suits, filed a petition in bankruptcy, with liabilities of \$100,000, and assets of \$10,000. The petition was filed in the bankruptcy court at 200 West 114th st., New York. The petition was filed in the bankruptcy court at 200 West 114th st., New York. The petition was filed in the bankruptcy court at 200 West 114th st., New York.

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## WILL HEAR COURT GRAFTING CHARGE

McAdoo to Inquire Into Church of Ascension's Lawyers' Activities

## ACCUSER AMPLIFIES HIS ALLEGATIONS

All Unfounded, Says the Rev. Mr. Grant After a Conference

Chief Magistrate William McAdoo will investigate the charges brought against the legal committee of the Church of the Ascension, he announced last night, following an extended conference with Magistrate Cobb.

It was in Magistrate Cobb's court Tuesday night that allegations were first made against the committee by Deputy Assistant District Attorney Gerald van Casteel, while the trial of Bessy Meyer, charged with violation of the Tenement House act, was in progress. The girl's defence was in the hands of Herman Levy, one of the church committee's young lawyers.

These charges were greatly amplified yesterday by Mr. van Casteel, who made public the methods employed by the church's committee about the Women's Night Court, and the body's unpopularity with the magistrates. He further asserted that the young lawyers appearing for the committee in the defence of unfortunate women were using the Church of the Ascension as a cat's paw.

Cobb tells of friction. Mr. van Casteel's statement was partly substantiated by Magistrate Cobb, who said after his conference with the chief magistrates.

"The police court magistrates welcome the cooperation of philanthropic organizations and lawyers who are really disinterested, but these bodies and persons must cooperate harmoniously. I regret that there has been unfortunate friction and unnecessary suspicion of the court on the part of some of these volunteer philanthropists."

Even before Mr. van Casteel made his charges in open court last night, I had been told by a probation officer that the Meyer girl had admitted paying \$30 to get bail. Depend upon it, more will be heard of this night court.

Mr. van Casteel, in a statement filed yesterday with District Attorney Swann, said:

"The Church of the Ascension has a number of young lawyers who take turns representing women in the night court. They are popular neither with the judges nor the officers of the court, because they do not seem to grasp the cases they handle. They treat the cases as a place where they can gain experience and practise their voices, rather than as a most serious tribunal, where the fate of human beings is being decided. It is the general impression about the night court that a woman is doubly unfortunate if she is represented by a 'church lawyer,' because such representation tends to antagonize the court and court officers."

Tells of Other Charges

"I am informed that written charges against representatives of the Church of the Ascension, to the effect that they have taken money from unfortunate women for the trial of their cases, were made by the chief magistrates and George Gordon Battle. This was admitted by a church lawyer last night in open court."

"I am informed, moreover, that representatives of the Church of the Ascension approached the family of a girl committed to an institution and asked for \$200 to get her released. Affidavits to this effect have been made out."

The legal committee of the church met last night in the rectory at 7 East Tenth Street, and after discussing the charges for several hours, this statement was given out over the signature of the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the church.

"The statements by a Deputy Assistant District Attorney in Woman's Night Court on Tuesday last, in criticism of a member or of members of the legal committee of the Public Forum, Inc., of the Church of the Ascension, are without foundation. These matters will be brought to the attention of Chief Magistrate McAdoo and of the District Attorney by a committee, with the request that they give them the fullest investigation."

OFFERS CHEAPER LIGHT

New York and Queens Company Willing to Cut Its Rate

The New York and Queens Electric Light and Power Company made yesterday a voluntary offer to reduce its maximum rate for electric current from twelve to nine cents, with certain contingent provisions, which the Public Service Commission is now considering. Since early December the concern has been undergoing a rate inquiry before the commission, and it has made this proposal as a solution to the problem.

If the company's plan is accepted, it will abandon its system of charging \$1 a month as a minimum service charge and institute a new one of sixty cents. The proposed reduction, if the Public Service Commission agrees, will go into effect on April 1. If it proves to be successful, another half-cent reduction will be instituted next January.

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## WILSON STRIKE MEASURE LOST

House Committee Votes Down Prevention Feature of Railroad Bill

## NEW LEGISLATION UNDER DISCUSSION

Newlands Proposes Special Board of Inquiry in Each Dispute

[From The Tribune Bureau]

Washington, Jan. 24.—While President Wilson conferred with the Brotherhood chiefs in his office adjoining the Senate Marble Room to-day, the Interstate Commerce Committee, just one floor below, voted 10 to 5 against including any strike prevention feature in the Administration railroad legislative programme.

"I don't see why we don't just bury the corpse—why stick it up on the fence for the crows to pick at," asked a strong Administration member of the committee, indignantly.

Three Democrats on the committee voted against the President in the final line-up—Underwood, of Alabama; Ellison D. Smith, of South Carolina, and Thompson, of Kansas. With the seven Republicans on the committee these made up the ten, while the five Democrats who voted for the President's strike prevention programme were Newlands, chairman; Pomeroy, of

Ohio; Robinson, of Arkansas; Saulsbury, of Delaware, and Lewis, of Illinois. Senators Myers and Gore were absent, but even if they had been present and voted with the Administration the vote would have been 10 to 7.

After this final test of strength as to whether the bill should have teeth in it the committee began working on a substitute bill outlined by Senator Newlands. This has three features, as follows:

1. A special board of inquiry of three members, to be appointed by the President after the existing board of mediation and conciliation has reported failure to bring the railroads and workers together. This board is not to be permanent, but appointed for each controversy. Within three months after appointment the board is to report its findings, with recommendations as to a settlement, which shall be published.

2. A provision imposing penalties for any interference with the movement of trains in interstate commerce similar to that prohibiting interference with mails.

3. Authorization of the President to take over the railroads and operate them in event of war or insurrection.

The committee to-day considered the first of these and entered on a discussion of how to protect the railroads in event of a strike. It was the sentiment of the committee, Chairman Newlands declared after the meeting, that some steps should be taken to "keep the highways of commerce open and extend the fullest protection to the railroads against any interference with the movement of trains."

OSBORNE TRUSTY SENTENCED

Ex-Secretary of Welfare League Gets Three Years in Maryland

Baltimore, Jan. 24.—Samuel L. Richards, ex-secretary of the Sing Sing Prisoners' Mutual Welfare League and "trustee" of former Warden Thomas Mott Osborne there, was sentenced to three years in the Maryland penitentiary to-day for violating his parole.

He was charged with having passed a forged check in New York.

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